

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Tie-up with Norway for Solar Energy Generation

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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any tie-up with Norway for the development of solar and wind energy in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Norway has suggested to include maximum number of villages in rural electrification through solar and wind energy;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the status of rural electrification through solar and wind energy system in the country, State/UT-wise including Bihar; and
- (e) the details of action plan drawn by the Government to extract the potential of solar energy in every State including Bihar?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a),(b)&(c): Yes, Madam. A pilot project was jointly taken up by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) and Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD), Government of Norway during 2009-10. The project was implemented through Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) with the assistance of local NGOs for electrification of 28 villages in the state of Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Leh area of Jammu & Kashmir with an aggregate capacity of 290.58 KWp. The details of 28 villages electrified under the pilot project is given in Annexure-I.

(d): Details of villages electrified in States / UTs including Bihar is given in Annexure-II.

(e): Government has fixed a target of 1 lakh MW of grid connected solar power projects to be installed in the country by 2022 which includes Bihar. Details of Solar Energy Potential, State / UT wise including Bihar is given in Annexure-III.
